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SUBJECT: CANADIAN REQUEST THAT SECRETARY DELIVER REPLY
TO CANADIAN NOTE ON WEST COAST TANKER TRAFFIC

1. CANADIAN EMBASSY, ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM OTTAWA, HAS
ASKED THAT YOU PERSONALLY DELIVER U.S. RESPONSE TO THEIR
MARCH 25 NOTE WHEN YOU MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SHARP IN
OTTAWA JUNE 18. DOING SO COULD RISK THIS MATTER BEING
MADE ISSUE IN CANADIAN ELECTION CAMPAIGN. WE THEREFORE
RECOMMEND, AND AMBASSADOR PORTER CONCURS, THAT YOU NOT DO
SO, AND THAT NOTE BE DELIVERED IN WASHINGTON.

2. BACKGROUND. IN FEBRUARY 20 MEETING ON EVE OF
WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE, FOREIGN MINISTER SHARP GAVE
YOU LETTER (A) RECALLING HIS BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH YOU IN
NEW YORK LAST FALL AND (B) STATING THAT GOC WOULD BE
DELIVERING NOTE ON WEST COAST TANKER PROBLEM. CANADIAN
EMBASSY DELIVERED NOTE DATED MARCH 25 PROPOSING DISCUSSIONS
OF ALTERNATE MEANS OF SUPPLYING CRUDE OIL TO PUGET SOUND
REFINERIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGREEMENT FOR
WEST COAST SIMILAR IN CONCEPT TO GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY
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AGREEMENT. OUR PROPOSED RESPONSE HAS FULL INTER-AGENCY

CLEARANCE AND WAS SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY JUNE 6 AT BUREAU LEVEL TO CANADIAN EMBASSY. PROPOSED RESPONSE POINTS OUT MARINE SAFEGUARD PROVISIONS IN ALASKA PIPELINE LEGISLATION AND AGREES TO DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING VESSEL TRAFFIC

MANAGEMENT, LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGES, AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH AND MONITORING PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS DISCUSSIONS OF "PRACTICABLE AND FINANCIALLY SOUND" ALTERNATE WAYS OF SUPPLYING CRUDE OIL TO PUGET SOUND REFINERIES. PROPOSED RESPONSE NEITHER ACCEPTS NOR REJECTS IDEA OF OVER-ALL AGREEMENT ON WEST COAST ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGREEMENT.

3. WHEN CANADIAN EMBASSY DCM MCKINNEY CALLED JUNE 6 TO RECEIVE OUR REPLY, HE PRESENTED A "CLARIFICATION" INTENDED TO DISPEL IMPRESSION, TO WHICH PRESS STORIES ON MARCH 25 NOTE HAD REFERRED, THAT GOC DESIRED WATER QUALITY STANDARDS LIKE THOSE IN GREAT LAKES AGREEMENT TO BE APPLIED TO WEST COAST WATERS. INSTEAD, DCM EXPLAINED, GOC WISHED ONLY TO OPEN DETAILED DISCUSSIONS LEADING TO SERIES OF AGREEMENTS OVER COURSE OF TWO TO THREE YEARS. MCKINNEY ASKED THAT WE DELAY DELIVERY OUR RESPONSE UNTIL WE COULD CONSIDER THIS "CLARIFICATION".

4. OUR READING OF "CLARIFICATION" LED US TO BELIEVE THAT REPLY WE HAD PREPARED WAS STILL APPROPRIATE. AFTER READING OUR PROPOSED REPLY, MCKINNEY AGREED WITH THIS VIEW, BUT ASKED FOR TIME TO SOUND OUT OTTAWA. WE THEREFORE AGREED TO DELAY DELIVERY OF REPLY FOR A FEW DAYS. ON JUNE 10 MCKINNEY CAME IN TO SAY THAT OTTAWA WAS INDEED GRATIFIED BY POSITIVE NATURE OUR PROPOSED RESPONSE, AND ON INSTRUCTIONS CONVEYED SUGGESTION THAT SECRETARY DELIVER IT TO SHARP DURING THEIR BREAKFAST MEETING IN OTTAWA SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 18.

5. MCKINNEY POINTED OUT WEST COAST TANKER TRAFFIC PROBLEM HAD FIGURED IN SHARP'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY SEPTEMBER 25 AT UNGA AND AGAIN IN WASHINGTON

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FEBRUARY 10; THIS CIRCUMSTANCE AND IMPORTANCE OF MATTER ON US-CANADIAN BILATERAL AGENDA MADE IT AN APPROPRIATE SUBJECT FOR EXCHANGE AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. MCKINNEY ALSO NOTED THAT THIS AND OTHER BILATERAL MATTERS WOULD PROBABLY BE RAISED AT SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE AT END OF MINISTERIAL. IF DELIVERY OF REPLY BY SECRETARY SHOULD-PROVE NOT FEASIBLE, MCKINNEY-ASKED FOR-TWO-DAY NOTICE TO

PERMIT INFORMING CANADIAN CABINET (WHOSE MEMBERS NOW
OUT ON CAMPAIGN HUSTINGS) THAT NOTE WOULD BE
DELIVERED IN NORMAL FASHION IN WASHINGTON.

6. ANALYSIS. WE ARE, OF COURSE, GLAD ABOUT
POSITIVE REACTION TO OUR PROPOSED RESPONSE TO THEIR

MARCH 25 NOTE, WHICH INDICATES CANADIANS MAY NOW
BE PERSUADED THAT WE SINCERELY SHARE THEIR CONCERNS
ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS OF WEST COAST TANKER
TRAFFIC. WE SEE FOLLOWING ARGUMENTS FOR AND
AGAINST DELIVERY TO SHARP BY SECRETARY OF OUR
RESPONSE.

PRO -- IT WOULD CENTER PUBLIC ATTENTION ON OUR
POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THIS IMPORTANT CANADIAN CONCERN.

-- IT WOULD ENGENDER GRATITUDE OF SHARP AND GOC
FOR THIS DEMONSTRATION OF THEIR SUCCESS IN HANDLING
MATTER WITH US.

CON -- IT WOULD BE ADDITIONAL ITEM ON SECRETARY'S
ALREADY CROWDED SCHEDULE.

-- IT COULD LEAD TO CHARGES THAT THE US WAS
LETTING ITSELF BE USED BY SHARP AND GOC FOR PARTISAN
PURPOSES IN CURRENT CANADIAN ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

7. RECOMMENDATION. THAT YOU AUTHORIZE US TO
DELIVER NOTE IN WASHINGTON, BECAUSE RISK OF ITS
BEING MADE AN ISSUE IN CANADIAN ELECTION CAMPAIGN
WOULD THEREBY BE MINIMIZED. IF SUBJECT THEN ARISES
AT JUNE 18 BREAKFAST MEETING, YOU COULD SIMPLY SAY
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YOU ARE FULLY INFORMED OF OUR REPLY AND, OF COURSE,
IT HAS YOUR APPROVAL.

8. WILL TRANSMIT TEXTS OF CANADIAN NOTE AND PROPOSED
U.S. RESPONSE IF YOU SO DESIRE.

9. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.

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